



# WINTHROP

## Suffolk County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Winthrop is situated on a peninsula extending into Boston Harbor. Although it is located within five miles of downtown Boston, it has retained its reputation for being a safe and pleasant place to live. Winthrop is a close-knit, family-oriented community where everything is within walking distance. There is a public bus route which travels throughout the town and connects to the Orient Heights stop on the Blue Line of the MBTA.

There are numerous parks and playgrounds, six public beaches, four tennis courts, five athletic fields, a public landing for boats and an indoor skating rink. The Recreation Department offers supervised programs for children in the parks during the summer as well as various programs throughout the year for children and adults. There is a youth center as well as a senior center which both offer many activities and programs. Additionally, active organizations include the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, American Legion, Amvets, Knights of Columbus, Little League, Soccer Association, Elks, Sons of Italy, Boy and Girl Scouts, Historical Society, Beautification Committees, Council on Aging, Youth Commission, Winthrop Playmakers, three yacht clubs and a golf club.

There is a newly-revitalized Winthrop Center with a multitude of shops as well as small clusters of stores in other sections of the town. There are numerous physicians and dentists in the community as well as a 110 bed hospital with CCU and ICU facilities and a community ambulance service. Public facilities include gas, sewer, water, electricity and cable to the entire town and trash is collected weekly with provision for recycling.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Eastern Massachusetts. Situated on a peninsula jutting southeast into the Atlantic Ocean, Winthrop is bordered by Revere and Boston on the northeast and by the Atlantic Ocean on the south, west, and east. It is 4 miles north of Boston, 6 miles south of Lynn, 32 miles south of Lowell, and 225 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 8.30 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 1.99 sq. miles

**Population:** 18,127

**Density:** 9,109 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Boston WSO Station)

Normal temperature in January.....28.6°F

Normal temperature in July.....73.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....41.5"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Lynn, Hull

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (617) 846-1742

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Representative Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1852

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	11,331		
Democrats	5,583	49.3	%
Republicans	1,056	9.3	%
Other parties	6	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	4,686	41.4	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Winthrop town, Suffolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	18,303	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	18,303	100.0
Male.....	8,608	47.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	493	2.7
Female.....	9,695	53.0	Mexican.....	66	0.4
Under 5 years.....	906	5.0	Puerto Rican.....	110	0.6
5 to 9 years.....	947	5.2	Cuban.....	24	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,020	5.6	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	293	1.6
15 to 19 years.....	900	4.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	17,810	97.3
20 to 24 years.....	970	5.3	White alone.....	17,020	93.0
25 to 34 years.....	2,820	15.4	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	3,248	17.7	Total population.....	18,303	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,697	14.7	In households.....	18,068	98.7
55 to 59 years.....	1,029	5.6	Householder.....	7,843	42.9
60 to 64 years.....	742	4.1	Spouse.....	3,379	18.5
65 to 74 years.....	1,443	7.9	Child.....	4,910	26.8
75 to 84 years.....	1,140	6.2	Own child under 18 years.....	3,197	17.5
85 years and over.....	441	2.4	Other relatives.....	782	4.3
Median age (years).....	39.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	176	1.0
18 years and over.....	14,890	81.4	Nonrelatives.....	1,144	6.3
Male.....	6,896	37.7	Unmarried partner.....	412	2.3
Female.....	7,994	43.7	In group quarters.....	245	1.3
21 years and over.....	14,374	78.5	Institutionalized population.....	189	1.0
62 years and over.....	3,460	18.9	Noninstitutionalized population.....	56	0.3
65 years and over.....	3,024	16.5	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,157	6.3	Total households.....	7,843	100.0
Female.....	1,867	10.2	Family households (families).....	4,584	58.4
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,852	23.6
One race.....	18,091	98.8	Married-couple family.....	3,379	43.1
White.....	17,286	94.4	With own children under 18 years.....	1,366	17.4
Black or African American.....	308	1.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	902	11.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	30	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	389	5.0
Asian.....	210	1.1	Nonfamily households.....	3,259	41.6
Asian Indian.....	28	0.2	Householder living alone.....	2,550	32.5
Chinese.....	61	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	930	11.9
Filipino.....	26	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,988	25.3
Japanese.....	6	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,145	27.3
Korean.....	13	0.1	Average household size.....	2.30	(X)
Vietnamese.....	29	0.2	Average family size.....	2.98	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	47	0.3	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	8	-	Total housing units.....	8,067	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	4	-	Occupied housing units.....	7,843	97.2
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	224	2.8
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	3	-	occasional use.....	58	0.7
Some other race.....	249	1.4	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	212	1.2	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.0	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	7,843	100.0
White.....	17,483	95.5	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,170	53.2
Black or African American.....	358	2.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	3,673	46.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	79	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.58	(X)
Asian.....	259	1.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.99	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	12	0.1			
Some other race.....	342	1.9			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State	437
Conventional Federal	8

**Rental Assistance** (DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP)	8
Federal (Section 8)	0



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Winthrop is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 145.

### Rail

MBTA subway service on the Blue Line is available from Revere and from the Orient Heights Station in East Boston. Travel time from Orient Heights to Government Center: 11 min.; 365 MBTA parking spaces available.

### Bus

Winthrop is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), which provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled. The Paul Revere Bus Service connects Winthrop to the Orient Heights Subway Station in East Boston.

### Other

Logan International Airport is easily accessible from Winthrop.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

Winthrop Hospital, Inc.

### Long Term Care

Bay View Nursing Home

Cliff House Nursing Home

Governor Winthrop

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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